

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1.
On Page 1, before the section "Field of the Invention", please insert the following new heading and paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This patent application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/511,342, filed on February 23, 2000.

2.
Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 of the specification as filed as shown below.

"A further feature of the conventional personal computer of Figure 1 is that certain components are arranged to be powered by standby power when the computer has been turned off by the user. This permits, for instance, the computer to be switched on via a signal transmitted over a computer network. More particularly, the computer includes a power supply system 210 comprising a main power supply output V_{main} and a standby power supply output V_{stb} ~~V_{stby}~~ both intended to run off an external power source 240. The power supply system includes a power-state controller 250 having at least first, second and third states. The unit resides in its first state when the computer is disconnected from the external power source 240; in this first

state, neither Vmain nor Vstb ~~Vstby~~ or is energised and most circuits of the computer are inactive (in fact, an internal battery is used to maintain certain key circuits). When the external power source 240 is connected, the control unit will reside in either its second or its third state. In the second state of the unit 250, only Vstb is energised. In the third state of the unit, the main supply 220 provides output Vmain that powers all the circuits of the computer. A connection from chipset component 160 allows the state of the power provisioning system to be controlled. In particular, under the control of chipset 160 user-operable front panel switch 190 serves to toggle the power-state control unit 250 between its second and third states as commanded by the user."